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In the Application, as published, please replace paragraphs [0042] and [0043] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0042] In the device 1 and in the shaving head 9 as described before, the shaving head 9 is stationary relative to the base portion 3, and the actuator 29 effects a periodical motion of the cutting members 17, 19 relative to the shaving head 9 and the base portion 3. An advantage is that the position of the skin 83 relative to the periodical motion of the cutting members 17, 19 and, in particular, the positions of the first and second motion portions 89, 91 of the elliptical motion relative to the skin are well defined by the stationary skin contact surface 83, so that the effects and advantages of the invention can manifest themselves to an optimum extent. In addition, the total mass of the periodically moving portions of the shaving head 9 is considerably limited, so that the necessary driving forces and the reaction forces experienced by the user holding the device 1 are considerably limited. However, the invention also covers embodiments in which the necessary periodical motion of the cutting member relative to the base portion of the device is achieved in that the actuator effects a periodical motion of the entire shaving head including the cutting member mounted therein. In such an embodiment the cutting member is mounted in a stationary or substantially stationary position in the shaving head, so that the structure of the shaving head and the cutting member mounted therein is relatively simple. Such an alternative embodiment may be advantageous in embodiments of the device according to the invention wherein the shaving head can be uncoupled from the base portion and exchanged for a new shaving head. In such an embodiment the driving mechanism, which effects the periodical motion of the entire shaving head, can be mainly arranged outside the shaving head, so that the costs of the exchangeable portion of the device are limited. Such an alternative embodiment is ~~not shown in the drawings, but~~ illustrated in Fig. 7, showing a coupling member 37 disposed so as to enable release of the shaving head 9 (and its cutting member) from a carrier 25 of the base portion 3. It is understood that the skilled person will be able to find a suitable structure and a suitable driving mechanism for such an alternative embodiment.

[0043] In the device 1 and in the shaving head 9 as described before the cutting members 17, 19 are jointly mounted to the carriers 25, so that the cutting members 17, 19 are subjected to identical periodical motions. The invention also covers embodiments of a device for shaving hair and of a shaving head for use therein, wherein the shaving head has two or more cutting

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members, wherein a first one of said cutting members is subjected to a first periodical motion and a second one of said cutting members is subjected to a second periodical motion, and wherein at least one of the motion portions of said first and second periodical motions have mutually different parameters. Such an alternative embodiment of a device and a shaving head according to the invention ~~is illustrated in Fig. 8, is not shown in the drawings, but the skilled person will be able to find a suitable structure and a suitable driving mechanism for such an alternative embodiment.~~ A There, a suitable driving mechanism may for example be obtained by providing ~~as shown in FIG. 3, as to carrier 25~~ a further carrier 26 adjacent to the carrier 25, and by mounting one of the cutting members 17, 18 to said further carrier 26 instead of to the carrier 25. The further carrier 26 may be driven by three additional eccentric members, which are coupled to the gear wheels 43, 47, 48 as axial extensions of the eccentric members 55, 57, 59, but which have radial and tangential positions relative to the gear wheels 43, 47, 48 which differ from the radial and tangential positions of the eccentric members 55, 57, 59 relative to the gear wheels 43, 47, 48. Since in such an alternative embodiment the periodical motions of the cutting members have mutually different parameters, the parameters of the periodical motion of each individual cutting member can be optimized in such a manner that each individual cutting member has an optimum contribution to the overall shaving performance of the shaving head. In this way the overall performance of the shaving head is further improved.

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